

### **REMARKS**

By the above amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent claim 3 therein, with claim 3 being canceled, and the independent and dependent claims being further amended to provide for proper antecedent basis of the claimed features. Additionally, new independent claims 10 and 11 have been presented.

As to the requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 1-5 drawn to grouped electrode or matrix partition into section, classified in class 345, subclass 103; invention II - claim 6, drawn to display element control means (e.g., memory), classified in class 345, subclass 98; and invention III - claims 8 and 9, drawn to backlight control, classified in class 345, subclass 102; the requirement for restriction is traversed in that as is apparent, all the claims of this application are directed to a display device having specific features, many of which are common in each of the claims. Thus, although the Examiner contends that inventions I, II and III are related to one another as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination, applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to show distinctness in that merely referring to the claimed features does not show distinctness or separate utility in the manner required. In this regard, applicants note both inventions II and III recites a dynamic memory.

In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, invention I and submit that claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10, 11 are grouped within invention I.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

Also, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the document submitted is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.40910X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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